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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes  
June 14, 2017**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order. Those present were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Stoddard, and Chairman Pietrowski. A quorum was established with all nine Members present.

Others that were present included: Gary Hanson, Derek Hiland, Doug Johnson, Craig Roman, Roy Plote, Suzanne Willis, Jeff Whelan, Laurie Emmer, Steve Reid, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Sandra Polanco, Chris Porterfield, Greg Millburg, Jim Luebke, Marj Askins, and three other members of the public.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Mr. Bagby and it was moved unanimously to approve the minutes from May 10, 2017.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Ms. Little and seconded by Ms. Leifheit to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brad Belanger of South Grove Township spoke on this issue of transparency of Public Hearings. He presented example of listening to the audio and video of the Met Tower Hearings and the B&C Kennel Hearing and expressed that there should be transparency and equality among all Hearings and to include that symmetrical equality in presenting the findings from the Hearings.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski expressed his condolences to the individuals and Elected Congressional Officials harmed in today's shooting in Virginia. He also shared that he acknowledged the risk individuals take in becoming Elected Officials and shared that he appreciated all of the County Board Members and County Elected Officials for the jobs that they do.

The Chairman also shared that he and Mr. Bagby would be traveling to Ohio to the The National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in July. He added that they will be attending many of the events and will also be at the 2017 NACo Achievement Awards Luncheon were they will accept the County's 2017 Achievement Award for its program titled "Business Incubator Project" in the category of Community and Economic Development.

## **ELECTION JUDGE SALARIES**

DeKalb County Clerk Doug Johnson presented the Committee with sheets that outlined the comparisons of where DeKalb County's Election Judge Salaries compare to surrounding Counties. He additionally requested that the Executive Committee put forth a resolution to the full County Board recommending the increase of the Election Judge base pay from \$90 to \$110 for those individuals with no training and \$130 to \$150 for those who have taken the proper training courses.

The reasons provided by Mr. Johnson for these requested increases included, the Election Judges taking on the added stress of facilitating same-day registration and voting at all of the polling places, which requires more training and use of computer equipment. This increase would also put DeKalb County more in-line with what other comparable Counties are paying their judges. He added that some Counties are going as high as \$200 per Judge but reiterated that he was asking to go with \$150. Also, Mr. Johnson noted that there hasn't been an increase in the Election Judge pay since 2008. Lastly, he added that it is getting to be difficult to recruit Election Judges. Judges are asked to be at the Poll from 5:15 a.m. until 7-8:00 p.m. and although it is a civic duty, taking off work for some individuals is not comparable to spending a long day being an Election Judge.

Mr. Johnson explained that this increase would equal to an additional \$20 per Election Judge. There are currently 65 precincts and technically by law there are supposed to be 5 Judges at each precinct for a total of 365 Judges and a total of \$7,300.

**It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Mr. Frieders and it was moved unanimously by voice vote to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointments for approval:

- a. **Community Services Administrative Board:** Melissa Garman, Joshua Hall, Dan Nolan, Steve Reid, and Joslyn Turner all reappointed for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2020.  
Rhonda Brown appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Eileen Dubin until June 30, 2018. Curt Lang appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Ken Mundy until June 30, 2018, and Jerry Smith appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of John Rey until June 30, 2019.
- b. **DeKalb County Convention and Visitor Bureau:** Derek Hiland and Maureen Little reappointed for a term beginning July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.
- c. **Regional Planning Commission:** Russell Kula (Village of Hinckley) appointed immediately until March 31, 2018.
- d. **Regional Planning Commission-Alternate:** Michael Constant (Village of Hinckley) appointed immediately until March 31, 2018.
- e. **Paw Paw Community Fire Protection District:** Neal F. Rogers reappointed for a three-year term from May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2020.
- f. **Lee Community Fire Protection District:** Cass Larson reappointed for a three-year term from May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2020.
- g. **Fairdale Light District:** Elizabeth Johnston reappointed for a three-year term from May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2020.

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- h. **Building Board of Appeals:** Ralph Tompkins reappointed for a term beginning June 1, 2017 and expiring May 31, 2022.
- i. **Business Incubator Advisory Board:** Jeff Whelan appointed immediately as a Primary Member and Laurie Emmer appointed immediately as an Alternate Member, both for indefinite terms.

**It was moved by Ms. Leifheit and seconded by Ms. Little to forward the recommended appointments to the full County Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

The Chairman next asked to go around the table and hear an update from all of the Committee Chairpersons on what their Committees had done at their last meeting together and/or what they are anticipating in the months to come.

Mr. Bagby, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee shared that the Committee did not meet this month and did not have any actionable items. He noted though that the CEDS plan is nearing its completion and thanked Mr. Hiland for helping put together an employee picnic for all County Employees. He reported that it was a well-attended event and there are hopes that it will continue to be an annual event.

Mr. Frieders, Chairman of the County Highway Committee shared that the Committee is recommending approval of several resolutions, most of which deal with Somonauk Road. He reviewed the resolutions with the Committee and provided brief details about them. He also added that the Committee will be meeting for a Special Meeting prior to the full County Board Meeting in order to take final action on the purchase of a new aerial lift truck. Lastly he added that Somonauk Road down by Chicago Road has been closed for work to finally be underway. Negotiations had to be made with ComEd in order to relocate some wires but was able to be done so that the project wasn't anymore delayed than it has been.

Ms. Little, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee shared the Committee is not bringing forth any actionable items but they did receive an annual report for the Regional Office of Education and also received a report from DCFS regarding foster parenting. Additionally, Mr. Stoddard requested that the Committee look into inspection policies and health codes regarding Bed and Breakfast facilities throughout the County.

Ms. Leifheit, Chair of the Law & Justice Committee noted that the Committee has not actionable items that are to be addressed this month but reviewed what the Committee had reported to them at their last meeting. Ms. Leifheit shared that the Public Defender's caseload has gone up 20% since this time last year. She additionally reviewed some specific items that were reviewed within the Sheriff's Annual Report which they were presented. Along with the annual report from the Sheriff, the two Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) Deputies were present to provide the Committee with a presentation an overview of the EHM program within the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Finance Committee shared that the Committee that the Committee approved the Annual Report of Compliance with the Bond Recording Keeping Policy, the Annual Fund Balance Reporting & Flow of Funds Policy, and the FY 2018 Budget Calendar and Process. The latest report from Moody's Investor's Service assigned an Aa1 credit rating to DeKalb County, IL's \$33.1 million General Obligation (GO) Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017 which was approved to be recommended to the full County Board Recommending approval. Mr. Stoddard also noted that the Bond Sale will take place the morning of the County Board Meeting and that the final numbers will be presented to them at the Board Meeting. Lastly, the Committee took a look at the Sheriff's Community System Preliminary Financing Plan although the full plan will be presented to the Law & Justice Committee.

Mr. Faivre, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee noted that the Committee forwarded seven items to the full County Board for consideration. There was discussion and clarification provided on Ordinance O2017-10 regarding the B&C Kennel Special Use Amendment and what exactly the Committee was amending.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, shared that the Committee is forwarding to resolutions to the full Board of Commissioners and recommending approval of both. Mr. Brown additionally added for the Afton Wetland Repairs, bids came in higher than expected from engineer estimate. Martin Company has agreed to lower project costs (cutting around \$30,000) with cost reductions on some materials and forest preserve staff will complete seeding and railing work. Mr. Brown added there is a 50% grant approval from the Clean Energy Foundation for the Nelson property (Haines Creek Conservation Corridor) totaling \$76,022.00 for land acquisition and restoration work. This is in addition to \$121,000.00 provided for the Conro property (Swanson Grove) and \$200,000.00 for the Sparks (Prairie Oaks).

**It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Mr. Stoddard and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full County Board for approval.**

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hanson presented the Committee with his County Administrator's Report. He shared that he attended the launch of DeKalb County's 211 System. There are currently about 300 local agencies that have signed up to be a part of the local 211.

Progress on the Jail Expansion Project is continuing, everything is still on track for a substantial completion of January of 2018, with another 5-6 months before the will actually house the inmates in the expansion. The larges item going on right now is next week's roughly \$33 million bond sale.

The County has a new Civil Attorney in the State's Attorney's Office, Sarah Gallagher left to go into private practice. The new Attorney was hired from Kendall County and did civil practice for the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office. Mr. Hanson noted that he will be at the full County Board Meeting so everyone will get a chance to meet him.

One of the big issues that will be coming to the Board in August will be the Sheriff's Radio Communication System. Mr. Hanson encouraged all Board Members to attend or read the minutes of the July 24<sup>th</sup> Law & Justice Committee and the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee Meetings where the need and financing of this \$4 million system will be addressed.

Mr. Hanson noted that regarding the employee picnic, not only did Mr. Hiland and the Committee do a great job, AFSCME provided all of the food for the event which was extremely nice of them to do.

It was mentioned also as a reminder that the August County Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and those meetings will no longer begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lastly, Mr. Hanson shared that the NACO U.S. Flag Disposal Box should arrive at the County within the next week or two.

Mr. Hanson continued by sharing that he did not feel it was necessary to go into Executive Session for his next item like he had originally planned but wanted to address the role of the Community Action Director. Ms. Moulton's transition date is up on July 15<sup>th</sup> and in conversations with the Mental Health Board, it has been agreed upon that they will have temporary oversight over Community Action up through around August 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hanson noted that he still believes that the best solution would be to fold Community Action into another County Department in order to reduce the administrative costs and be able to provide more services to the public. Mr. Hanson added that the final piece that Ms. Moulton had assigned to her was to be a PECOM Officer, which is the oversight role of the Voluntary Action Center Grant Funds. Mr. Hanson explained that role is still in need of being placed elsewhere because it doesn't mesh well with where Community Action is right now.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Mr. Jones, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

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Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr.

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Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

### Current Election Judge Pay

County Alpha-Order	Base	W/School
Boone Co	120	145
Bureau Co	125	140
Carroll Co	90	125
Champaign Co	120	200
<b>DeKalb Co</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>130</b>
DuPage Co	130	160
Grundy Co	140	180
Henry Co	90	135
JoDaviess Co	100	115
Kane Co	145	200
Kendall Co	140	150
Lake Co	80	140
LaSalle Co	130	160
Madison Co	100	145
McHenry Co	140	190
Ogle Co	100	120
Rockford	125	165
Rock Island Co	120	120
Stephenson Co	120	140
Whiteside Co	110	135
Will Co	90	150

### Base Pay Ranking

Kane Co	145
Grundy Co	140
Kendall Co	140
McHenry Co	140
DuPage Co	130
LaSalle Co	130
Bureau Co	125
Rockford	125
Boone Co	120
Champaign Co	120
Rock Island Co	120
Stephenson Co	120
Whiteside Co	110
JoDaviess Co	100
Madison Co	100
Ogle Co	100
Carroll Co	90
<b>DeKalb Co</b>	<b>90</b>
Henry Co	90
Will Co	90
Lake Co	80

### With Training Ranking

Champaign Co	200
Kane Co	200
McHenry Co	190
Grundy Co	180
Rockford	165
DuPage Co	160
LaSalle Co	160
Kendall Co	150
Will Co	150
Boone Co	145
Madison Co	145
Bureau Co	140
Lake Co	140
Stephenson Co	140
Henry Co	135
Whiteside Co	135
<b>DeKalb Co</b>	<b>130</b>
Carroll Co	125
Ogle Co	120
Rock Island Co	120
JoDaviess Co	115

Average 114.52

Average 149.76

### DeKalb County Election Judge Pay History

	Base	School	Total
1990	75	10	85
Date unknown	85	10	95
Date unknown	90	20	110
<b>2008 (last Increase)</b>	90	40	130

**Population in ranking order**

DuPage Co	916,924
Lake Co	705,186
Will	685,419
Kane Co	527,306
McHenry Co	307,283
Madison Co	266,560
Champaign Co	207,133
Rockford	149,123
Rock Island	146,063
Kendall Co	121,350
LaSalle Co	111,241
<b>DeKalb Co</b>	<b>105,462</b>
Whiteside	56,876
Boone Co	53,869
Ogle Co	52,085
Grundy Co	50,425
Henry Co	49,635
Stephenson	46,435
Bureau Co	33,840
JoDaviess	22,254
Carroll Co	14,715

Approximate hours & pay for DeKalb Co Judges	
5:00a until 8:30p	15 hours
Current Base Pay is	\$90.00
	<u>        </u> /15
	= \$6.00/hr

## DeKalb County ranking with the increase

### **Base Pay Ranking**

Kane Co	145
Grundy Co	140
Kendall Co	140
McHenry Co	140
DuPage Co	130
LaSalle Co	130
Bureau Co	125
Rockford	125
Boone Co	120
Champaign Co	120
Rock Island Co	120
Stephenson Co	120
Whiteside Co	110
<b>DeKalb Co</b>	<b>110</b>
JoDaviess Co	100
Madison Co	100
Ogle Co	100
Carroll Co	90
Henry Co	90
Will Co	90
Lake Co	80

### **With Training Ranking**

Champaign Co	200
Kane Co	200
McHenry Co	190
Grundy Co	180
Rockford	165
DuPage Co	160
LaSalle Co	160
Kendall Co	150
Will Co	150
<b>DeKalb Co</b>	<b>150</b>
Boone Co	145
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